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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site**

Report Number: 6

Date: November 15, 2012

Report Period: July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012

Site: San Jacinto River Waste Pits (SJRW), Harris County, Texas

Grant Recipient: Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF)

Recipient Group Representative: Scott Jones, Environmental Policy and Outreach Specialist

Technical Advisor: Jennifer Ronk and Kali Frost, Houston Advanced Research Center, The Woodlands, Texas

Progress Achieved:

- GBF and HARC participated in the SJRW Community Awareness Committee (CAC) meeting on July 25, 2012. The CAC meetings are facilitated by Donn Walters of U.S. EPA.

- GBF updated the SJRW webpage at http://galvbay.org/advocacy_sjrw.html by adding clarifying language in the Overview section, including information about the pathways of dioxin exposure and a link to the ASTDR/Texas Department of State Health Services draft public health assessment; revised links to the cleanup timelines provided by the U.S. EPA; and Frequently Asked Questions.

- HARC is reviewing the first of the RI/FS technical documents released to them by the U.S. EPA (Preliminary Site Characterization Report, Exposure Assessment Memorandum, Toxicological and Epidemiological Studies Memorandum). HARC estimates that their reviews will be completed by late October. GBF anticipates that we will post the first of HARC's technical reviews in early November.

- GBF and HARC are working with Donn Walters of the U.S. EPA and CAC members to find the best date for a post-EPA CEI meeting. It is designed to inform the public of TCRA and RI/FS activities to date and a review of the public data and information provided through the U.S. EPA. We have narrowed down the date to January 2013 given the probable November date for EPA CEI meeting. The location will be in Highlands, Channelview, or Baytown pending the final date selected.

- GBF continues to work with HARC on outreach plans. In addition to GBF's SJRW webpage, outreach will include print, TV, and radio media, electronic newsletter, and a 1-page summary of the process and public involvement opportunities.

Materials Produced this Quarter:

- GBF updated the SJRW webpage at http://galvbay.org/advocacy_sjrw.html. HARC is reviewing EPA RI/FS documents and will complete their findings so that GBF can post them.

Difficulties Encountered:

- No additional difficulties were encountered.



Environmental Results Progress Achieved (Outputs/Outcomes):

- GBF updated the SJRWP webpage at http://galvbay.org/advocacy_sjrwp.html with available information as noted above.

Activity Anticipated in Next Quarter:

- Draft outreach pieces to complement webpage, e.g. electronic newsletter, 1-page summary of cleanup progress.
- GBF and HARC will continue to participate in CAC meetings and local group meetings as warranted (e.g. San Jacinto River Coalition meetings).
- GBF and HARC will finalize and advertise our public meeting to be held January 2013.